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TAKESHI IWASAKI et al.

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application in the attached Austrian Communication (Search and Examination Report) issued May 27, 2004. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information. The Austrian Communication is relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached references.

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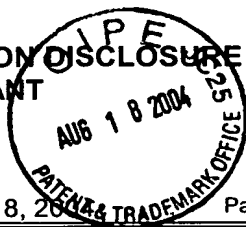
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